## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES 95814

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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 1-55-86

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FOOD STAMP QUALITY CONTROL RESULTS (APRIL 1985 - SEPTEMBER 1985)

## REFERENCE:

For your information and planning purposes we are transmitting Table 5E of the Quality Control Information System which summarizes Food Stamp Quality Control error results for the six month period noted above, also referred to as Period 12. Please note that the county error rates shown in the last column of this table are statistically meaningful only for Los Angeles and San Diego counties and the 11 other counties which have expanded Quality Control samples. A complete set of tables arraying the errors cited for this period are being sent directly to your county's Food Stamp Coordinator for corrective action plan (CAP) development.

The Statewide payment error rate for Period 12 is 7.06 percent (see the last column of Table 5E attached, entitled <u>Ineligible/Overissuance Error Rate</u>). This represents a percentage point increase of .81 over Period 11 and, when combined with Period 11, represents an error rate in excess of the five percent federal tolerance for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 1985.

The display below depicts California's payment error rate for the two review periods which comprise FFY 1985.

,	Payment Error Rate	Average	FFY 1985 Federal Tolerance
Period 11 (10/84-3/85)	6.25%		
		6.67%	5 <b>%</b>
Period 12 (4/85-9/85)	7.06%		

The payment error rate figures noted above are unregressed. Historically, federal rereview and regression techniques have resulted in an increase of the error rate of about one percentage point.

This upward trend in the error rate and the potential for federal fiscal sanctions for FFY 1985 call for a renewed state and county emphasis on error prevention in Food Stamps. We are committed to working with counties to find ways to reverse this trend and to bring the Food Stamp error rate under the federal tolerance level.

We look forward to receiving your next Food Stamp corrective action plan. Your Food Stamp Coordinator will receive, under separate cover, the specific information concerning when the CAP is due and how it is to be prepared. If you have any questions or desire assistance in corrective action planning, please contact your corrective action consultant at (916) 445-4458.

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Attachment

EXPANDED SAMPLE ACTIVE CASES SUMMARY OF ERROR CASES BY COUNTY

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